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SUBJECT: CHINESE ARCHEOLOGICAL EXHIBITION: MUSEUMS,
CATALOGUES AND DATES

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1. THIS IS FIRST OF FOUR CABLES CONCERNING NEXT STAGE OF
NEGOTIATIONS AND CONTAINS OUR RESPONSES TO SOME OF THE
MATTERS RAISED REFTEL AND WHICH YOU MAY BRING UP WITH THE
CHINESE BEFORE BEGINNING DISCUSSIONS ON TEXTS OF DOCUMENTS.

2. EXTENSION OF DATES - YOU SHOULD TELL CHINESE THAT WE
UNDERSTAND THEIR CONCERN FOR DETERIORATION OF THE
EXHIBITS, BUT REGRET THEY FEEL UNABLE TO ADD THE THREE
WEEKS REQUESTED AS THIS WILL DEPRIVE SIGNIFICANT NUMBER
OF AMERICANS OF CHANCE TO VISIT EXHIBITION, AND WILL DIS-
APPOINT MANY WHO UNAVOIDABLY WILL ASSUME THAT SHOW WILL
BE OPEN DURING PEAK TOURIST SEASON. COMMENT: WE FEEL THAT
CHINESE SHOULD BE MADE AWARE THAT OUR MOTIVATION IN MAKING
SUCH REQUESTS IS TO MAKE EXHIBITION A SUCCESS AND THAT
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THEIR RIGIDITY, HOWEVER UNDERSTANDABLE, APPRECIABLY WILL

DIMINISH USEFULNESS OF SHOW AS MEANS OF "STRENGTHENING FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN US AND CHINESE PEOPLE". IF OCCASION ARISES, YOU MAY ASK WHETHER "RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS AND EXPERTS" REFERRED TO BY HSIAO TEH IN REFTEL PARA SEVEN HAVE IN FACT TURNED DOWN FURTHER EXTENSION END COMMENT.

3. TWO GALLERIES - YOU MAY TELL CHINESE WE WILL BE POUCHING PHOTOS, FLOOR PLANS AND INFORMATION ON CLIMATE CONTROL EQUIPMENT ON BOTH GALLERIES ASAP.

4. US SPONSORING ORGANIZATION - "US COMMITTEE FOR THE CHINESE EXHIBITION" OF THE NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART WILL BE CO-CHAIRER BY JOHN CARTER BROWN AND LAURENCE SICKMAN AND WILL BE COMPOSED OF HONORARY MEMBERS, SUCH AS MAJORITY AND MINORITY LEADERS OF BOTH HOUSES AND LEADING CULTURAL FIGURES FROM THROUGHOUT NATION, AND WORKING MEMBERS FROM DEPARTMENT, TWO GALLERIES, AND NCUSCR. NEITHER LIST HAS BEEN DRAWN UP YET.

5. CATALOGUE AND PUBLICITY - YOU SHOULD TELL CHINESE WE WANT TO RECEIVE THEIR CATALOGUE TEXT, PUBLICITY MATERIALS AND PHOTOGRAPHS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. FYI: CANADIAN MEA SAYS PRC HAS NOT MENTIONED ANY "PROBLEMS TO BE RESOLVED" CONCERNING CATALOGUE AND CANADIANS HAVE ALREADY PLACED ORDER WITH PUBLISHER. SHOULD CANADIANS EVENTUALLY WORK OUT SATISFACTORY CATALOGUE WITH CHINESE WE STILL HOPE TO USE SUCH A TEXT. END FYI. ON PUBLICITY PREPARED BY US SIDE, YOU MAY TELL CHINESE THAT WE WILL BE CABLING TEXT OF OUR FIRST RELEASE FOR YOU TO DISCUSS WITH THEM. THEREAFTER, WE WILL BE PREPARED TO DELIVER SUCH MATERIAL TO PRCLO. KISSINGER

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